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SUBJECT: SZULC ALLEGES CIA INVOLVEMENT IN MALAGASY "COUP"

1. WASHINGTON POST REPORTS THAT COMING ISSUE OF PENTHOUSE
MAGAZINE CARRIES ARTICLE BY TAP SZULC ON CIA. PORTION OF
POST ARTICLE ON MADAGASCAR FOLLOWS:

QUOTE: THE CIA WAS INVOLVED IN THE COUP THAT OVERTHREW THE
MALAGASY REPUBLIC GOVERNMENT AND IN FEBRUARY, ACCORDING TO
THE ARTICLE.(SIC)

THE CIA, SZULC SAID, HAS TIES TO THE MOBILE POLICE GROUP
WHICH KILLED MALAGASY PRESIDENT RICHARD RATSIMANDRAVA
FEB. 11. HE SAID U.S. AND CIA INTEREST IN MADAGASCAR LAY
IN GETTING MILITARY FACILITIES AT A FORMER FRENCH BASE
ON THE INDIAN OCEAN NEAR THE ENTRANCE TO THE PERSIAN GULF.
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